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Office Action Summary

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114.

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 12/14/05 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, and 21 are vague and indefinite because it is unclear of the term "response", it is unclear what is the response responding to in the claim.

4. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 7 is vague and indefinite because of the limitation "identifies both the location of the additional information and a necessary protocol".

5. Claim 7 recites the limitation "necessary protocol" in claim 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jacobs (US 5,761,502).

Jacobs teaches a system/method of data transmission to a network management system (202, 206), the method comprising:

providing a response (network fault information 204) to be transmitted to the network management system, the response including at least one pointer indicating a location of additional information (214, 212, 210; "Network Topology Object Database 318 may be partitioned into two databases, as shown in FIG. 3a. A Network Topology Object Database 318a contains objects and object relationships identifying each network element and its relationship to other elements. A Network State Object Database 318b contains Network State Objects representing the dynamic state of each network element. Each network element object in Network Topology Object Database 318a is linked to a network state object in Network State Object Database 318b, which provides the current state of that network element. Each network

state object is defined by a set of network state attributes that represent the dynamic state of the corresponding network object. As an example, an object representing network element Trunk Group 1234 is contained in Network Topology Object Database 318a. Attributes of this object may include switch/port #1 identifier, switch/port #2 identifier, number of circuits, and type of service supported by the Trunk Group. Also contained within this object is a pointer to a state object contained within Network State Object Database 318b. This state object may include an attribute whose value indicates Trunk Group 1234 is currently experiencing complete blockage on 75% of its circuits.”);

transmitting the response to the network management system (202, 206);

receiving the response in the network management system and transmitting the pointer to a network management system user (220);

receiving a request for additional information in the network management system and opening the additional information at the location indicated by the pointer (214; 316, 318, 320);

performing a function relating to network management in a network element and storing information concerning the function as additional information in a location determined by the network management system (314);

performing a function relating to network management in a network element and storing information concerning the function as additional information in a location determined by the network management system (326);

wherein the response is an alarm transmitted to the network management system (DS-3 outage event alarm);

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identifies both the location of the additional information and a necessary protocol (see figs. 9 & 10; attributes identifies additional location information).

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-23 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey C. Pwu whose telephone number is 571-272-6798. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 571-272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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